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2015 Pinot Noir
Sonoma Coast
Saltonstall Vineyard

Production: 92 cases

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyards: Saltonstall Vineyard,

Appellation: Sonoma Coast

Elevation: Valley Floor

Cooperage: 100% new oak (50% Francois Freres, 50% Stavin French oak),

Alcohol: 14.14%, TA 0.61, pH 3.69

The Saltonstall Vineyard is planted in a cool breezy coastal valley 15 miles west of Petaluma. The 2015 Saltonstall was picked on Aug 31, at 23.7 Brix, destemmed not crushed, fermented in T-bins and punched down. It soaked up to near 24.8 brix, because we had some shrivel. We had a tiny crop in 2015, and Doug had his hands full in this difficult year for vineyard management. It was a dry year but it had lots of fog with fungal pressures and the vineyard was netted, as there were lots of birds. Assmanhausen yeast was used for a slow steady fermentation. We were rewarded by earthy cherry and dark rose notes that developed in the wine, and these evolved beautifully in the 19 months it spent in barrel. We had more new oak in this Pinot Noir than most years, and the Pinot responded with grace and elegance. After a light filtration, it was bottled without further filtration at bottling.
Bottled 3/8/17

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

